ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A server machine receives a printing job, including information to be printed, and a first print parameter, and based on that information, sets a second print parameter that is suitable for the information and also alters the first print parameter. A printer prints the received information based on the printing parameters that are set or changed. Further, users who submit information that is received are identified and the printed results are stored at storage locations that differ for each user. In addition, information may be requested from an external device, and the requested information printed when it is received. Furthermore, information that is input may be transmitted to external devices to request that those devices process that information. Moreover, when an output device that is designated by a received output instruction is a locally owned apparatus, the apparatus performs the processing as instructed. When a designated output device is another device, external transmission of the output instruction is performed.